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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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☒ This application has been examined ☒ Responsive to communication filed on Dec 21, 1992 ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 2 month(s), 0 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152. |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 2 to 17 and 23-33 are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
2. ☒ Claims 1 and 18-22 have been cancelled.
3. ☒ Claims 2 to 17 and 23 to 33 are allowed.
4. ☐ Claims _____ are rejected.
5. ☐ Claims _____ are objected to.
6. ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7. ☐ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).
10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____ has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner. ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____, has been ☐ approved. ☐ disapproved (see explanation).
12. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☒ been received ☐ not been received
☒ been filed in parent application, serial no. 07/532,462; filed on June 01, 1990.
13. ☒ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14. ☐ Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

Serial No. 997,158

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1. In the preliminary amendment of Dec. 21, 1992, page 3, line 24, has not been entered because it is confusing where the amendment should be entered.

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tomcik and Nussbaumer are all cited to show an adaptive bit allocator or a method of coding voice signals and device using said method which is considered pertinent to the claimed invention.

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: In the preliminary amendment of Dec. 21, 1992, page 3, line 24, has not been entered.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE ^{two months} FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang Ton whose telephone number is (703) 305-4739.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750.

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